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57. The method of claim 53, wherein applying the coating material includes using a plasma spray process.

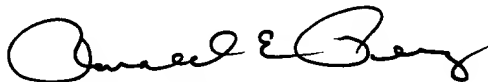
REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 dated September 9, 2002. Applicant elects, without traverse, prosecution of claims 25-43 (Group V) and further elects the species for metal alloys (claims 25-28 and 32-43). Applicant has added claim 44-57, which are directed to the elected group and species, namely methods of coating using a metal alloy as the coating material.

The Examiner's attention is directed to a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement being filed concurrently herewith. In light of the foregoing amendments, favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned should there be any questions or resolvable matters regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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